

## Town is Now Very Busy Place

Right now Gleichen is one of the busiest towns in the country and the population must be up to a couple of hundred. The cause of it all is the travelling of the Trans Canada Highway in preparation to putting on the black top. There are over a hundred big gravel trucks in town. Many of the owners of these trucks brought along trailers to live in with their wives and families. At the present time there are three encampments of trailers. One in the west end of the town another at the skating rink and the third largest and fastest growing is located just to the east of Bob Bille's residence. In some different places the town has made available a water supply. A number of the trailers are fitted with electric lights. Every day several outfits pull into get located and the next day set to work hauling gravel. The stores and other places are very busy and some are talking of taking on additional help to serve the increasing population.

Along the river some eight or so miles south and west of Gleichen are three giant pits of crushed gravel. Each of these gravel pits is about a mile long, an acre or more and were between thirty and forty feet high. This gravel was crushed during last winter and spring. Here there are four loaders at work loading the trucks as they come. The trucks then drive onto a scale and are weighed and checked out and where the gravel is dumped it is checked again. The gravel is taken north, through town, and dumped where required on the highway then spread over the road by graders and rolled into the ground by heavy rollers.

With all these trucks on the move through town it is up to all to be careful in crossing the road. True the drivers go slowly through town and no fault can be found with them. In order to keep down the dust from the passing trucks the Stampede Gravel Company has oiled the road through town and at one or two other places near residences on the Indian Reserve.

The wear and tear on the trucks is terrific. From 5 to 10 trucks every day are undergoing repairs of some kind. It is stated that there will be 150 trucks on the job and always there will be about 25 of them laid up for some reason or other.

To further add to the population of the town a construction company is bringing some 60 men to gravel the railway.

### YOUR OWN LAWN

There are people who are anxious to put in a lawn but are reluctant to tackle the job because they do not know enough about the various steps it takes to make a good lawn. It must be realized that all of the details involved in making a good lawn cannot be dealt with in this brief article but some of the highlights of lawn making experiences of the experimental station may be of assistance.

The basic need of a good lawn is a good soil. A useful guide for determining the grade is to have a very gentle slope away from the house and to have top soil level almost as high as the street sidewalk. Once the grade has been established the soil should be raked and rolled until a firm powdery seed bed is obtained.

For the average lawn a mixture of seed is recommended consisting of three parts by weight of Kentucky Blue Grass to one square foot of level surface. Where White Dutch clover is desired add one ounce to five pounds of grass seed. For a fine finish that responds to a great deal of attention use Kentucky Blue Grass five pounds to 100 square feet.

The best time to sow seed is from October 1st is the best time of the year to sow a lawn in this area. During this period the young germinating grass does not have to compete with the annual weeds, it also becomes established more quickly and is in good condition to stand the worst weather conditions of the following summer. If it is not possible to fall plant then the next best time is in April and May.

How to seed: Take the required amount of seed and divide it into two equal parts. Then take the half of the seed and sow it one way across the lawn, following with raking, using a fine tooth rake, in the same direction the seed was sown. The other half of the seed is then sown at right

## News Items of Local Interest

Brooks Woods and Tom Wilson of Brooks spent Sunday in town visiting Franks mother Mrs. E. Woods. They report crop conditions in their area as excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Cam Brown and children left last Sunday night for Edmonton to attend the funeral of Mr. Brown's uncle which was to take Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boos and daughter, Wendy, spent Sunday in town visiting relatives. While here they went to Lake McGregor fishing and had the luck to catch a small pike. Wendy is staying here on her holidays.

Last week R. S. Haakayne received a cable which informed him of the death of his sister Edith on July 19th, at Llanharne, Epsom and after a long illness. A year ago Mr. Haakayne flew to England to visit his sister who at that time was quite ill.

Shorlick, one of the members of the Gleichen school teaching staff is spending her holidays in Edmonton attending summer school in town over the weekend. Her son and wife and children, who live at the coast are at present in town holidaying with Mr. Shorlick's home.

Alberta has a good number of reckless and dangerous drivers and the authorities are doing their utmost to put a check on such traffic violators.

### OBITUARY

#### HOWARD McLEOD

About 9:30 last Wednesday morning Howard McLeod of Byromore, Alta., died behind the wheel of his gravel truck about a mile north of town. Mr. McLeod was hauling gravel from the river to be placed on the Trans Canada Highway some miles north of town. He had delivered his load and was returning for another load when a short distance north of town a friend driving another truck behind him noticed McLeod slow down, turn into the ditch and come to a stop. At this point the ditch was filled with water. The truck did not stop. The friend upon investigating found McLeod dead. Coroner Parkinham and the M. P. were called. The doctor pronounced death due to heart failure. The remains were sent to Brooks by G. W. Evans for burial that evening. The funeral took place Saturday.

#### MRS. SARAH STUBBS

Mrs. Sarah Stubbs a former resident of Gleichen died in Ontario recently. The following account of her death is taken from The Orangeville Banner.

The sudden passing of Mrs. Sarah Stubbs on Sunday, July 1, at her late residence, Alton, came as a shock to her relatives and friends.

The former Sarah Leonard was born in Queen's County, Ireland. In 1897 she came out to Medicine Hat, Alberta, to join other members of the family who were among the earliest pioneers in that district. She married Martin Stubbs in 1911 and during the next thirty years lived in Alderson, Gleichen and Calgary. Upon her husband's retirement from business some twelve years ago the family settled in Alton, Ontario. Mrs. Stubbs is survived by one daughter Madeleine, who is county librarian for Peel County and also is a music teacher having a large class. Her husband having predeceased her in 1943. The funeral service was held from St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Orangeville, the Rev. Fr. Clement Schmitt officiating at the Rev. High Mass. Interment took place in the family plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery. R.I.P.

rights angles to the first seeding and raked the same way. The seeding and raking is followed by a light rolling once over the seed bed.

Watering: A good soaking with a fine spray nozzle immediately after seeding is essential and the seed bed should not be allowed to become dry. After the seed has fermented a heavy soaking occasionally is preferable to frequent light watering. If lawns are only lightly watered the roots remain near the surface and the grass is unable to withstand periods of drought.

## Legion Picnic Next Sunday

The annual Legion Zone Picnic is to be held next Sunday, July 29th, at the Bassano Dam at 12 p.m. sharp. The convoy will leave Legion Hall at 10 a.m. All Legion members, wives and their families, Ladies Auxiliary, husbands and their families are invited to attend.

Please bring your own picnic lunche. Ice cream and pop will be served by the Legion branches. The program will consist of fishing, boating, soft ball and sports for the children.

There will also be shot gun trap shooting to bring your guns.

Those who are intending to go please notify H. Bogstie so arrangements can be made for transportation.

The recent outbreak of Newcastle Disease among the poultry flocks of Alberta calls for every care if serious losses are to be prevented. All flock owners are urged to watch their flocks carefully and report any unusual condition to the nearest health officer of animals official. Leaflets describing Newcastle Disease are available from district agriculturalists or from the poultry branch. To prevent spread of the disease the Acting Poultry Commissioner for the Alberta Department of Agriculture suggests that you refrain from visiting your neighbor's poultry house or pen and don't allow your visitors to visit yours. Feed trucks, feed sacks, poultry crates, egg crates and other poultry equipment are possible sources of infection and should be thoroughly disinfected at all times. Under no consideration bring any birds onto your premises. An effort is being made to confine the present outbreak to one area. You co-operation in following these simple practices will not only help to prevent wide spread of the disease but may result in keeping your own flock free from harm.

No species of birds now living have leath.

Doug Wilson has returned to town after spending his holidays at Byromore with relatives. He is now on the staff of St. Joseph's Sisters.

After an absence of ten years Peter Dorey of Gleichen is back in town for several days was the guest of his old friends Mr. and Mrs. Bob Haskayne. Mr. Dorey was a volunteer in the C. C. P. R. here for many years and was retired some ten years ago. He and his wife live on the High River and have been living there ever since.

At the present time painters are busy painting the water tower on the staff of St. Joseph's Sisters. The top of the tower painted. This is about the third time the tower has been painted in its forty years of existence. On the other occasions it was painted black. Last week one of the painters tripped and fell, while he was on the ground, and broke his arm. He was carrying a block of cement when he tripped. There is talk of having the name "Gleichen" painted on the tower.

Mr. and Mrs. H. James and family spent Sunday at Black Diamond visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert James. They report Bert and family well.

St. Andrew's Sunday School held their annual picnic recently on Mrs. Superintendent's lawn. The Sunday School teachers, Mrs. A. Horn, Mrs. N. Yates and Mrs. W. Sutermeister entertained about forty-five children of the Sunday School Little Helpers, the younger members of the church and their mothers. Ball games and a variety of races highlighted the activities. The display of St. Andrew's, Rev. Dawson presented all of the contestants with prizes. Linda Fern Holland blew out the two candles on her birthday cake. Picnic lunch cold drinks and ice cream concluded a sunny happy afternoon.

Low fares to Regina at exhibition time from all stations in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were announced by R. H. Powers, vice-chairman of the Canadian Passenger Association. Exhibition dates this year are July 30 to August 4 and the low fares start two days before the return limit goes two days after the big show. The special fares will be normal fare and one-half, first class or coach, for the round trip with the minimum fare adults or children being 30 cents. Dates of sale are July 28 to August 4 provided the train can arrive in Regina not later than 5 p.m. on August 4. Return limit is August 6 or the first available train thereafter if there is no train service on August 6th.

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